



Council Report

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Council Co-Chairs

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Council's aim & purpose

Ensure that Cochrane Groups retain **an effective voice** in Cochrane's leadership and strategic decision-making.

The purpose of the Council is to provide:

- A **forum** for Cochrane Groups to consider **high-level matters affecting Cochrane** as a whole;
- A mechanism to **raise matters and provide input** to the **Governing Board** on behalf of Cochrane Groups and members; and
- A forum to consider matters at the request of the Governing Board and **inform Board deliberations**.



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Council members represent Cochrane Group staff and other constituencies

Thanks to outgoing members in 2021

- Outgoing Co-Chairs **Miranda Langendam & Craig Lockwood**
- Outgoing Consumer Network representative **Rachel Plachcinski**



**Miranda
Langendam
(Co-Chair)**



**Craig Lockwood
(Co-Chair)**



Rachel Plachcinski

New Council constituency

- At its teleconference on 14 April, Council members voted **unanimously** to create two Council seats for members of the Early Career Professionals Network.
- The **Early Career Professionals group** aims to provide its members with opportunities to enhance their knowledge, skills, and expertise by providing a **platform for international networking** with early career professionals or other members in the Cochrane community.



Increased Governing Board & Council connection



- Council Co-Chairs now attend **Governing Board** meetings as **non-voting attendees**
- **Governing Board Co-Chairs** attend Council meetings in the same capacity
- Board and Council Co-Chairs meet every two months by videoconference

Key activities in 2021

Thorough discussion and input on the:

- **Editorial Integrity & Efficiency Project**
- **Virtual Cochrane meetings** in 2021
- **Diversity & Inclusion initiative**
- Draft **monitoring and evaluation framework** for organizational priorities
- Establishment of **‘Emeritus’ and ‘Lifetime’ membership of Cochrane**

Special focus on planned changes to Cochrane Review Groups

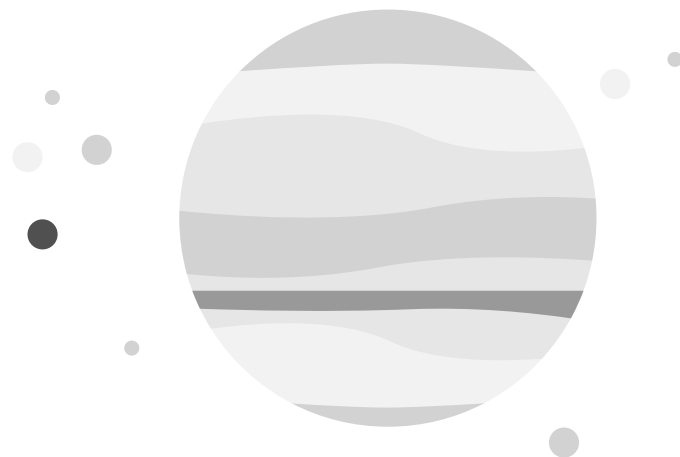
We have heard from our Cochrane Review Group (CRG) representatives that:

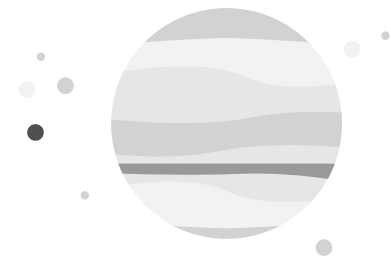
- The **wellbeing** of Cochrane CRG and Network staff is currently a serious concern;
- For many **Cochrane is a ‘belief system’** not just a job, and this needs to be recognized;
- The **new Editorial Management System (EMS)** is an additional burden

We are working with the **Board Co-Chairs**, and **Editor in Chief** Karla Soares-Weiser, to address these concerns

Priorities for 2022

- Improved **communication**
- Further **input on the future** of Cochrane Community and Cochrane Library
- Leading the development of a Cochrane-wide '**statement of values**', as proposed by the Consumer Executive
- A review of the Council's own **Terms of Reference** and representation in light of changes to the organization's structure





Increased schedule of meetings

Meeting type	Date	Time (Greenwich Mean Time)
2021:		
No formal agenda	Monday 15 November 2021	19:30 GMT
Formal agenda	Wednesday 1 December 2021	19:30 GMT
2022:		
No formal agenda	Wednesday 2 February	19:30 GMT
Formal agenda	Wednesday 2 March	19:30 GMT
No formal agenda	Wednesday 6 April	19:00 GMT
Formal agenda	Thursday 5 May	19:00 GMT
No formal agenda	Wednesday 15 June	19:00 GMT
Formal agenda	Wednesday 6 July	19:00 GMT
No formal agenda	Wednesday 10 August	19:00 GMT
Formal agenda	Wednesday 14 September	19:00 GMT
No formal agenda	Wednesday 5 October	19:00 GMT
Formal agenda	Wednesday 9 November	19:30 GMT
No formal agenda	Wednesday 7 December	19:30 GMT

Submit items for the Council's discussion via your **Council representative**

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